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COLOMBIA.

Leprosy in Panama and Ta Boga.

PANAMA, February 11, 1899.

SIR: In reply to your circular letter dated January 10, relating to leprosy in this district, I beg to say that there are, in a colony close to this city, 18 lepers. These are somewhat isolated from the general community and are cared for by public charity. In Panama proper there are 12 cases of leprosy. These are at various points of the city and not known to the general public. In Ta Boga, some 12 miles from this place, there are about 4 cases. In the interior, so far as I have been able to ascertain, there exists nothing of the kind. The above figures are the best estimate I can get, and while they may not be exact, yet I believe them to be approximately correct.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

H. A. GUDGER,
United States Consul-General.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

INDIA.

*Plague sporadic in Calcutta.*DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D. C., February 25, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor, by direction of the Secretary of State, to inform you that a telegram has just been received from our consul at Calcutta, India, which reads as follows: "Plague sporadic."

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

ALVEY A. ADEE,
Second Assistant Secretary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

JAPAN.

Sanitary report from Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, February 3, 1899.

SIR: The home department of the Japanese Government having published no statistics of disease since December 31 of last year, I am unable to forward my usual detailed report of infectious disease in Japan.

I am, however, able to state that, with the exception of a few cases of smallpox in the extreme north of this island, some lingering cases of dysentery throughout the country, and an unknown, but not large, number of sufferers from plague at several points in Formosa, the sanitary condition of the Empire is fairly good.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE,
*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.